

PEACE

Beyond measure

In times of deep unrest—inner unrest of the soul, outer unrest of society—it becomes easy to allow our circumstances to direct how we react. Yet, we follow the Prince of Peace and believe “His government and its peace will never end” (Isaiah 9:7 NLT). Not only does God bring us peace, we also become harbingers and torch bearers for His peace.

When Bud Fuchs began to reach out to international students at Utah Valley University, he sought dedicated volunteers who could partner with him. After visiting a weekly Bible study for seniors at his church to challenge them to get involved, one 77-year-old woman shared her concern. Arleen expressed interest, but said, “I’m afraid of all these foreigners coming into our country. How do I reach out to someone I’m genuinely afraid of?”

Arleen later said she allowed the tensions in the world to influence her faith. Yet, after training with Bud, she wanted to serve. Soon her love for the international students, and the love they had for her, became apparent. At each meeting, the students would make their way straight to Arleen to greet her and hug her.

For Arleen, volunteering with international students has been the most meaningful ministry she’s ever served in. Through Bud’s training and encouragement, she experienced God’s peace correct her reaction, and now she is acting as an agent of God’s peace.

As the cross-cultural equipper for the North American Baptist Conference, Bud works to help those within the NAB bridge the dividing walls of cultural differences that can breed hostility. In doing so, he partners with God in bringing a measure of peace to our world. Bud’s Kingdom work is provided, in part, by your ongoing generosity to the Ministry Resource Fund.

In this season that celebrates the birth of the Prince of Peace, your gift today to the Ministry Resource Fund directly supports Bud and many other efforts in the NAB ministry family, efforts that include:

- Training and equipping spiritually mature leaders and churches for missional ministry;
- Administrative support to Bud and the dozens of other missionaries in North America and on mission fields around the world;
- Creating leadership efforts and events like Blue Ocean, Ethos, Triennial, and Regional Minister training.

Above all, your gift today of \$100, \$200, or more, is a direct participation in God’s work of bringing the everlasting peace of Christ to our world. Thank you for your partnership!

For the Glory of our Prince of Peace,



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